Setting up of Community Information Centres

242. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step have been taken by Government to set up Community Information Centres in every block in the country to provide connectivity at block levels;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) by when, Community Information Centres would be set up in every block in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) The Department of Information Technology has implemented a project for setting up Community Information Centres (CICs) at 487 block headquarters in the seven North-East states and Sikkim for promoting application of Information Technology for accelerating socio- economic development of the region. There is no plan sanctioned for setting up of CIC in the rest of the blocks of the country.

Despatch of Money Orders

†243. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of money orders despatched from B-10, Vasant Kunj post office of New Delhi to Muzaffarpur, Bihar particularly to Chandanpatti post office in the first week of August, 2002 and the details thereof;

(b) whether all these money orders were received by the recipients, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any complaint in this regard has been received by Government; if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.